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Annotated provisional agenda

1. Opening statements by the President of the Executive Board and the Executive Director

2. Adoption of the provisional agenda, timetable and organization of work

[For action — E/ICEF/2006/10]

The provisional agenda has been drafted in consultation with the Bureau. The Executive Board will adopt the agenda for the session, making any amendments it considers necessary.

3. Annual report of the Executive Director: progress and achievements against the medium-term strategic plan

[For information — E/ICEF/2006/11]

In this annual report to the Executive Board on the work of UNICEF, the Executive Director will report on progress and results achieved during the entire plan period of the previous MTSP for 2002-2005.

4. UNICEF post-crisis transition strategy in support of the MTSP

[For action — E/ICEF/2006/17]

The issue of UNICEF and post-conflict and post-crisis transition has been the subject of a number of oral presentations to the Executive Board in recent years. The post-crisis transition strategy, which supports the MTSP for 2006-2009, has been developed based on these discussions with the Board and in consultation with a wide range of partners in the humanitarian field. It is presented to the Executive Board for approval.

5. Review of the UNICEF cost-recovery policy

[For action — E/ICEF/2006/AB/L.4]

The UNICEF cost-recovery policy was approved by the Executive Board on an interim basis in decision 2003/9. In that decision, the Board also requested that the Executive Director report to the Board on the experiences of the recovery policy, especially on actual cost recovery achieved and recovery rates applied to projects, on its effects on regular resources, as well as on the harmonization efforts undertaken, and submit proposals for further steps towards the elimination of any remaining subsidy of support costs of other resources programmes by regular resources at the Board's second regular session of 2005 for a review of the interim policy. Because of the need for further consultations with other United Nations agencies on harmonization efforts, that review was postponed until this session.

The report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (E/ICEF/2006/AB/L.5) is available for information.

6. Report on options to improve the harmonized country programme approval process, prepared in consultation with the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Population Fund

[For action — E/ICEF/2006/12]

This report has been prepared in response to Executive Board decision 2005/9, which requested that the Executive Director present to the Board this session a report elaborated jointly with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) on possible options to further improve and streamline the current harmonized country programme approval procedure, so as to decrease the time frame for developing and approving country programmes and to better synchronize them with the length of cycle of the respective national country programming instruments, bearing in mind the need to maintain the institutional integrity and organizational mandate of each agency.

7. Report on the implementation of joint programming

[For information — E/ICEF/2006/13 and Add.1]

This report has been prepared in response to Executive Board decision 2005/3, which requested that the Executive Director submit to the Board at this session a comprehensive report on the implementation of joint programming as outlined in that decision and on the United Nations Development Group Joint Programming Guidelines, including information on experiences and an analysis of resources allocated to the three options of fund management for joint programmes, and the resulting benefit in development impact or efficiency gains. The secretariats of UNDP, UNFPA and UNICEF have prepared a joint report on the issue, and the addendum discusses issues specific to UNICEF.

8. Report on UNICEF engagement in sector-wide approaches

[For action — E/ICEF/2006/14]

Following the Executive Board's discussion of UNICEF engagement in sector-wide approaches at the first regular session of 2003, it was agreed that the issue would be discussed in the Executive Director's annual report from 2004 onwards, and that a separate report would be submitted to the Board at this session.

9. Ending Child Hunger and Undernutrition Initiative: oral report

The oral report is being presented as a follow-up to a presentation on this subject made to the Executive Board at the first regular session of 2006.

10. Report on the evaluation function in UNICEF

[For information — E/ICEF/2006/15]

This progress report, prepared in response to Executive Board decision 2004/9, discusses developments in the evaluation function in the last two years, including progress made against the UNICEF evaluation work plan for 2002-2005.

11. Proposals for UNICEF programme cooperation

(a) Draft country programme documents (CPDs)

[For action — E/ICEF/2006/P/L.2-E/ICEF/2006/P/L.26]

At this session, the Executive Board will consider a total of 25 draft CPDs. There are 15 draft CPDs for full programme cycles. These are presented to the Board for discussion and comment, and for approval of the aggregate totals of estimated regular and other resources in the programme budget. The electronic versions of the draft CPDs, to be made available on the UNICEF Internet site, will contain a link to the United Nations Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF) results matrices, where applicable. Taking into account the comments made at this session, the draft documents will be revised and posted on the UNICEF Internet site in October 2006, together with a summary results matrix. They will be submitted to the Board for approval on a no objection basis at the first regular session of 2007 unless at least five members have informed the secretariat in writing, within six weeks of the posting of a document, of their wish to bring a particular country programme before the Executive Board.

The 15 draft CPDs for full country programmes are broken down as follows:

(a) Three from Eastern and Southern Africa: Ethiopia, Mozambique and Zimbabwe (E/ICEF/2006/P/L.2, E/ICEF/2006/P/L.4 and E/ICEF/2006/P/L.6);

(b) Three from West and Central Africa: Gabon, Guinea and Sao Tome and Principe (E/ICEF/2006/P/L.8-E/ICEF/2006/P/L.9 and E/ICEF/2006/P/L.10);

(c) One from East Asia and the Pacific: Thailand (E/ICEF/2006/P/L.12);

(d) One from Central and Eastern Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States: Republic of Moldova (E/ICEF/2006/P/L.16);

(e) Seven from the Middle East and North Africa: Algeria, Egypt, Iraq, Morocco, Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia and Yemen (E/ICEF/2006/P/L.17, E/ICEF/2006/P/L.18, E/ICEF/2006/P/L.19, E/ICEF/2006/P/L.21, E/ICEF/2006/P/L.24, E/ICEF/2006/P/L.25 and E/ICEF/2006/P/L.26).

In addition, several short-duration CPDs for one-year programmes are presented to the Board for approval at this session. These short-duration programmes are usually prepared so that the UNICEF programme cycle may be harmonized with the cycles of other agencies, or to allow time for finalization of the UNDAF. It is expected that the full country programmes will be presented to the Executive Board in 2007. At this session, the Board will consider nine short-duration CPDs:

(a) Two from Eastern and Southern Africa: Malawi and Rwanda (E/ICEF/2006/P/L.3 and E/ICEF/2006/P/L.5);

(b) Two from West and Central Africa: Equatorial Guinea and Togo (E/ICEF/2006/P/L.7 and E/ICEF/2006/P/L.11);

(c) Three from South Asia: Bhutan, Nepal and Sri Lanka (E/ICEF/2006/P/L.13-E/ICEF/2006/P/L.15);

(d) Two from the Middle East and North Africa: Lebanon and Sudan (E/ICEF/2006/P/L.20 and E/ICEF/2006/P/L.23). In addition, there is a recommendation for funding only from other resources for Oman (E/ICEF/2006/P/L.22).

Following an introductory statement by the Director, Programme Division, the Regional Directors will provide brief overviews of activities in their regions, as well as summaries of the CPDs being presented at this session. The Regional Director for Europe will also report on the activities of the National Committees for UNICEF.

(b) Recommendation for additional regular resources for approved country programmes

[For action — E/ICEF/2006/P/L.27]

The Executive Board is requested to approve additional regular resources for approved country programmes that lack sufficient funds to cover the programme period due to revised planning levels for regular resources allocations.

12. UNICEF Maurice Pate Leadership for Children Award

[For action — E/ICEF/2006/16]

The UNICEF Maurice Pate Award, named in honour of the first Executive Director of UNICEF, was last presented in 2000. At the first regular session of 2002 (decision 2002/5), the Executive Board approved revised criteria for the Award, but these proved problematic to implement. The secretariat is proposing revised criteria for the Award, with a view to presenting it again in 2007 and annually thereafter.

13. Violence related to children and adolescents in conflict with the law: oral report

The oral report is being presented in response to Executive Board decision 2005/10, which requested that the secretariat present an oral report on violence related to children and adolescents in conflict with the law, including gang activities, at this session.

14. United Nations Study on Violence against Children: oral report

The oral report is being presented in order to brief the Executive Board on progress made on the United Nations Study on Violence against Children and to

ensure full engagement of the Executive Board members during the finalization period of the study, before its presentation to the General Assembly in October.

15. Reports of Executive Board field visits

[For information — E/ICEF/2006/CRP.8-E/ICEF/2006/CRP.9]

The reports of the visit by the President of the Executive Board to the Central African Republic and of the joint field visit by members of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA, UNICEF and the World Food Programme to Indonesia are presented for discussion. The reports of the field visits by the Bureau to India and by members of the Executive Board to Chad will be presented to the Board at the second regular session in September.

16. Address by the President of the UNICEF Global Staff Association (GSA)

By tradition, the GSA President addresses the Executive Board each year at this session.

17. Other matters

The Board may consider discussing any other issues that it finds appropriate under this agenda item.

18. Closing statements by the Executive Director and the President

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Proposed timetable and organization of work for the 2006 Annual session of the Executive Board, 5-9 June 2006*

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		Item 6	Report on options to improve the harmonized country programme approval process
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		Item 8	Report on UNICEF engagement in sector-wide approaches
			Informal consultations
Wednesday, 7 June	a.m.	*Item 9*	Ending Child Hunger and Undernutrition Initiative: oral report
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			(a) Country programme documents – Eastern and Southern Africa (5)

* When consideration of an agenda item concludes ahead of the allocated time, the next item will be taken up for consideration and the timetable adjusted accordingly.

	p.m.	*Item 11 (cont.)*	Proposals for UNICEF programme cooperation: (a) Country programme documents – West and Central Africa (5) – East Asia and the Pacific (1) – South Asia (3)
			Informal consultations
Thursday, 8 June	a.m.	*Item 11 (cont.)*	Proposals for UNICEF programme cooperation: (a) Country programme documents – CEE/CIS (1) – Middle East and North Africa (10)
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